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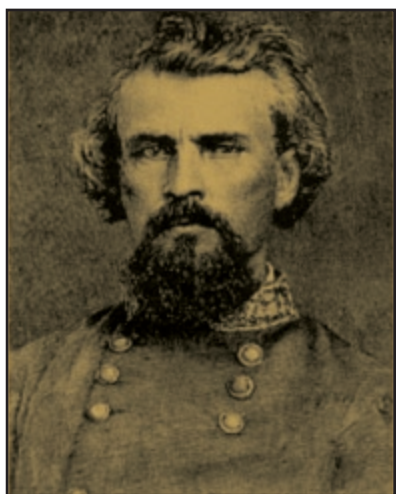
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Defending His Confederate Heritage

Nelson Winbush, a man on a mission, proudly defending the flag of his grandfather. To some it's surprising which flag!

It was 1934 and Pvt. Louis Napoleon Nelson, Co. M, 7th Tennessee Cavalry, would attend the last of his 39 United Confederate Veterans Reunions. He stood out for many reasons. He was one of the daring cavalymen who could proudly say "I rode with Nathan Bedford Forrest."

And he did so as a black man, an unquestionably proud black man, who, when duty called, stepped forward as did over 90,000 other Southern black men to defend their homes and families. His grandfather began his service as a cook, forager, rifleman, and finally as chaplain of his unit.



Nathan Bedford Forrest

Ever since and to this day Pvt. Nelson's proud legacy of service to his Southland would be carried forward by his grandson, Nelson W. Winbush. Winbush learned about the War at the knee of Louis Napoleon Nelson, who joined his master and one of his master's sons in battle voluntarily when he was 14. Nelson saw combat at Lookout Mountain, Bryson's Crossroads, Shiloh, and Vicksburg.

Nelson Winbush, a retired assistant principal with a Masters degree, a Korean War veteran, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans originally hails from Ripley, Tennessee, and now resides in Kissimmee, Florida.

He said his grandfather never had any qualms about

fighting for the South. He had plenty of chances to make a break for freedom, but never did. A Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp in Tennessee is named after him.

"People ask why a black person would fight for the Confederacy. (It was) for the same damned reason a white Southerner did," Winbush explained.

Winbush said Southern blacks and whites often lived together as extended families, adding slaves and slave owners were outraged when Union forces raided their homes. He said history books rarely make mention of this.

"When the master and his older sons went to war, who did he leave his family with?" asked Winbush, whose grandfather remained with his former owners 12 years after the hostilities ended. "It was with the slaves. Were his (family members) mistreated? Hell no! They were protected."

He says emphatically he would have fought by his grandfather's side in the 7th Tennessee Cavalry.

Compatriot Winbush is a staunch supporter of the Confederate flag and his Southern heritage. "This flag has been lied about more than any flag in the world, Winbush stated. "People see it and they really don't know what the hell they are looking at."

Starting in 1992 Winbush has traveled widely and lectured to SCV Camps and other organizations on his views and heritage after growing weary of what he



Above: Nelson W. Winbush stands in front of the Confederate Battle Flag that was draped over his Grandfather's coffin in 1934.

Left: Louis Napoleon Nelson poses with grandson Nelson W. Winbush at the Memphis train station in 1932 before leaving to attend a Confederate reunion celebration



dubbed "political correctness". During one of those appearances, when referring to his Confederate heritage, he stated "... Black is nothing other than a darker shade of rebel gray."

Holding his flag he said, "This flag is the one that draped my grandfather's coffin", while clutching it firmly in his left hand. "I would shudder to think what would happen if somebody tried to do something to this particular flag."

"This flag had nothing to do with the (Ku Klux) Klan or skinheads," he said while wearing a necktie that featured the Confederate emblem. "They weren't even heard of then. It was just a guide to follow in battle. That's all it ever was."

In 1998 he participated with American University's professor Edward Smith (also Black) in a videotape production entitled "Black Southern Heritage" where he

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Col. Bill Hollingsworth: SCV's Top Soldier in Iraq

Commanding the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp #273 in Columbia was a "piece of cake" compared to his duties of late. Col. Bill Hollingsworth, now on his second tour in the Iraq/Afghanistan war zones, serves as the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade's Functional Specialty Cell Chief.

As a "full bird Colonel" Bill has the proud distinction of being the highest ranking SCV compatriot now serving our country in the war zones. Having completed a similar duty tour in Afghanistan in '04 and '05, the 360th operates from Camp Slayer southwest of Baghdad near the Baghdad International Airport, a major

focal point for insurgent activity. During his 30 years of military service Bill has also seen duty in Germany, Korea, Haiti and Bosnia.

The 360th is an importantly complex unit with four distinct operational sections: Governance, Infrastructure, Rule of Law, and Public Health & Welfare. The rebuilding of Iraq into a stable democracy is a key ingredient in the Global War on Terror, and the 360th CA Brigade (Airborne) stands ready to be deployed anywhere in the world with its air drop capabilities.

Following in the footsteps of his father, William R. Hollingsworth, Sr., the Colonel joined the SCV in



Col. William Hollingsworth, US Army

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1992 stepping up as Camp Commander of the Wade Hampton Camp in 1997 and 1998. Bill's now-deceased father, also a member of the Camp, lived in Greenwood and, according to many senior Camp members, Bill

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What a privilege and an honor it is to serve as commander of our “historic honor society.” I truly appreciate the confidence you, the members of the South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate, have placed in me by reelecting me to a second term as your division commander at the recent convention.



Sharpsburg 2002, leading the 10th SC Infantry

It is again that time of year when we begin in earnest our membership renewal drive. This past year’s great recruiting accomplishments can easily be wiped out if we are not successful in our membership retention efforts. Although we are seeing more and more men continue to renew their association with the SCV, we cannot let up in our efforts to persuade every single man to “re-up” and stay the course. Your 2008 Membership Renewal Statement will be in the mail soon. When it arrives, please do not postpone the decision to remain a member in good standing. Send in your dues and renew your sacred vows to The Charge. Recruit your neighbors, friends, cousins, sons, and grandsons.

This is an important period in the history of our organization. Soon we will be proudly marching towards the *Sesquicentennial of The Cause for Southern Independence*. The journey begins on December 20, 2010 as we observe the Secession Convention in Charleston and ends in April, 2015. This 150th anniversary observance of our ancestor’s quest for freedom from an overpowering Federal government will be a critical time for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and it will be here before we know it.

There are those in America today who will portray our ancestors as traitors and zealots who started the WBTS. As the proud descendants of those men who responded to the call of their state in 1861, we must stand ready to defend their honor and see that “the true history of the South is presented to future generations.” There are no better spokesmen for the men who fought for Southern independence and served the Confederacy than you, their descendants. We cannot expect others to defend their honor nor should wish anyone else to do it for us. We have nothing to be ashamed of and everything to be proud of. We Stand Guard over a sacred gift that is far too precious for us not to protect...*Our Confederate Heritage!!* Please remain steadfast and renew your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans today, your ancestor needs your help. Let us never, ever forget their sacrifices in the fight for liberty.

Standing Guard For Our Ancestors,

Randall B. Burbage
SC Division Commander

Division Convention Report

The 2008 South Carolina Division Convention, hosted by the 15th Regiment SC Volunteers Camp #51 in Lexington, SC, proved to be an entertaining and productive weekend for the attendees and for the Division as a whole. Fifty-three camps were represented by more than 175 delegates.

On Friday night, delegates and their guests were treated to a reception in the atrium of the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room, during which the museum itself was open, essentially for a private tour. For those who had never had an opportunity to visit prior to the convention, this event provided an excellent opportunity to tour the space, taking as much time as necessary to get a full understanding of the 300 years of South Carolina’s martial history, from the colonial period prior to the First American Revolution to today’s War on Terror.



After the reception, the usual suspects could be found around Columbia at restaurants and local watering holes, solving the world’s problems and setting the course for the future of the SCV. Delegates from at least one camp toured the grounds of the State House long after dark, reading the inscriptions on each monument and confirming that Protective Services does indeed patrol the grounds 24 hours a day. It is often this time with compatriots, away from the rigors and responsibilities of work and “real life”, that cements relationships and builds the camaraderie within a camp that translates to a strong and healthy camp down the road.

Saturday morning began with the traditional memorial service, led by Division Chaplain Ed Westbury. The memorial service is a vital component of each reunion, although lately they have not been as well attended as they have in the past. The memorial service provides an opportunity, before getting involved in the business of the day, to reflect again on our ancestors’ service and our compatriots that have passed “across the river to sleep in the shade of the trees.”

The convention proper consisted of opening ceremonies, 2 business sessions, the awards luncheon, and a guest speaker. The opening ceremonies, consisting of the presentation of colors, a welcome address by the host camp, and greetings from the UDC, OCR, and SCV dignitaries provided an appropriate start to the day.

The primary item addressed in the first business session was the introduction of constitutional amendments to bring the Division in compliance with IRS regulations in place as a result of the national SCV’s reorganization as a Texas Corporation back in 2005. Those amendments passed with little discussion.

The awards presentations were handled well as usual, with the Awards Committee, led by past Chief of Staff Irvin Shuler, and a cast of assistants making quick work of announcing the winners, passing the correct award to Commander Burbage, and presenting the award to the winning individual or camp. The final awards, the

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2007 – 2008 Awards Presented

Presented March 15, 2008 M. C. BUTLER RECRUITING AWARD

1st Place Sandlapper Level	Walker Gaston #86
1st Place Palmetto Level	Litchfield #132
1st Place Dixie Level	H. L. Hunley #143
2nd Place Sandlapper Level	Rebel’s in Gray #2027
2nd Place Palmetto Level	Henry Lauren Benbow #859
2nd Place Dixie Level	Palmetto Sharpshooters #1428
Honorable Mentions	
Sandlapper Level	Major James Lide Coker #146
Palmetto Level	Micah Jenkins #1569
Dixie Level	Secession #4

AMBROSE GONZALES NEWSLETTER AWARD — Published

1st Place Sandlapper Level	Joseph B. Kershaw #82
1st Place Palmetto Level	Moses Wood #125
1st Place Dixie Level	H. L. Hunley #143
2nd Place Sandlapper Level	(No Submissions)
2nd Place Palmetto Level	Henry Lauren Benbow #859
2nd Place Dixie Level	Secession #4

Honorable Mentions

Sandlapper Level	(No Submissions)
Palmetto Level	Litchfield #132
Dixie Level	Barnard E. Bee #1575

AMBROSE GONZALES NEWSLETTER AWARD — Electronic

1st Place Sandlapper Level	(No Submissions)
1st Place Palmetto Level	15th Regiment, S.C. Volunteers #51
1st Place Dixie Level	Barnard E. Bee #1575
2nd Place Sandlapper Level	(No Submissions)
2nd Place Palmetto Level	Litchfield #132
2nd Place Dixie Level	H. L. Hunley #143

Honorable Mentions

Sandlapper Level	(No Submissions)
Palmetto Level	Caldwell Camp #31
Dixie Level	(No Submissions)

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Mark Simpson
SC Division Adujunt

One of my all-time favorite epic films is *Lawrence of Arabia*. I was around 10 or 11 years old when I first saw it on the big screen and have seen it several times since.

If I could recall one of the most memorable scenes from the movie, it is probably the one of Lawrence's triumphal return from the Nefud desert, having gone back to rescue the young Arab, Gasim. Crossing the Nefud desert was considered impossible, even by the local Arabs, but Lawrence persuades them that, in doing so, they can take the Turkish port at Aqaba from the rear.

Having carried out the formidable feat of traversing this furnace, it is discovered that Gasim, has fallen off his camel and is no doubt dying somewhere back in the desert. Lawrence is told that any idea of rescue is useless and, in any event, Gasim's death is "written". When Lawrence achieves the impossible and returns with Gasim still alive, Sherif Ali admits to him: "Truly, for some men, nothing is written unless they write it".

I believe that very phrase applies to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our adversaries would have us believe that defending Southern heritage is futile so, why bother; after all, it is "written".

Well, you and I know that our charge is not in vain and nothing is "written" as our enemies would say for

in fact, as Southern men, we will write it, for Divine Providence is our guide.

As we enter this season of "dues renewal" we each have the chance to be a *Lawrence of Arabia* and return to the arena of political incorrectness to revive the fallen, defend and proclaim the truth, and have the final say for Southern Heritage – once and for all. "Nothing is written, until we say so!"

Therefore, when your annual dues renewal statement arrives in the mail, please return it to your camp Adjutant with your check. Stay in our ranks; renew your promise to your Confederate ancestor and to your compatriots for together, we can cross many formidable deserts and flank the enemies of truth and Southern heritage thus fulfilling our mission. One man can achieve much, but together, we can achieve the impossible.

For the future of our Southland,
Mark A Simpson
Division Adjutant



THE FIELD PULPIT

Ed Westbury
SC Division Chaplain



One of my prayers is that every compatriot in our South Carolina Division has a daily devotion. There are many aids to having a daily devotion, such as *The Daily Bread*, *The Upper Room*, and hundreds of other tools. I want us to look at one of those tools, **Battlefields and Blessings: Stories of Faith and Courage from The Civil War** by Terry Tuley (Living Ink Books.) This book gives you a daily devotional reading based on the words of soldiers and civilians from the North and the South.

Let us look at one such devotion from 22 February. It is a poem by an unknown severely wounded Confederate soldier.

*I asked God for strength that I might achieve,
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do great things,
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy,
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.*



*I asked for all things that I might enjoy life,
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.*

These words tell us what 2 Corinthians 12:9 meant to this soldier. **"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."**

Garth Brooks had a song titled, *"Thank God for Unanswered Prayers"*. He must have read the words of this young man. Let us read these words and thank God every day that it is His strength and wisdom that carries us just the same as it did this Saint in Gray. Our Lord answers our prayers with what is best for us, not always what we want.

May the Lord bless and keep you every day.

Ed Westbury
SC Division Chaplin

HERITAGE DEFENSE REPORT

Don Gordon
Chairman, Heritage Defense Committee



The number of attacks on the Confederate flag have gone up to what could be an all time high but the enemy's arguments still have not improved and their logic still rings hollow.

Recently the NAACP tried to get the town council in York S.C. to FORCE a local business owner to stop flying a Confederate Flag

even though it was on private property arguing that it would be ok if the Flag was displayed inside the building but not outside. Fortunately the Town Council said that the First Amendment protected the business owners right to fly the Confederate Flag on his own property.

This incident shows that even if the Confederate Flag and every monument were removed from the Statehouse grounds this still would not satisfy the NAACP.

Can you imagine how roughly our rights would be trampled upon if we did not stand up to this type of tyranny.

We will continue to win these fights only so long as we contest every infringement of our rights. A good example of rights being forfeited is evident at every football game and every parade when the band does not play the song Dixie even though the vast majority of people long to hear it. Think about how disappointed our Grandfathers would be if they knew that the song of the South has been silenced by outsiders.

I'm proud to say that, whatever the outcome of the struggle over this song, we did not sit idly by but rather we contested the issue at every turn. At the recent Carolina & Clemson foot ball game the S.C. Division of the SCV flew an airplane overhead towing a large Confederate Flag followed by these words "let the band play Dixie".

It was a significant enough of an act that the Washington Post newspaper wrote a story about it. A new day will dawn on an unwritten future and our efforts can make freedom ring all across the South.

Sic Semper Tyrannis,
Don Gordon
Committee Chairman

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Don Gordon
SC Division Lt. Commander

As we begin our preparations for the 150th anniversary of our late unpleasantness it is not too soon to begin contemplating what the world will be like when the 200th rolls around. The world will be far different then but human nature will remain the same.

Most of us will not be in a position to influence events at that far off point in time but the organization that we leave behind will. Should our legacy become a weak and passive thing the world will beat a path to our door just to wipe their feet on our ancestor's name and fame.

It is comforting to know that the men of the South Carolina Division of the SCV have other plans. We envision a point in the future when the Valor of our ancestors will be accepted as the purist standard against which any soldier can be measured. To insure this vision we must see that the truth is known by future generations and a good place to start would be with having our public schools adopt as one of their textbooks the Post Courier booklet which compiled all of the newspaper stories, about events that took place in South Carolina during the War Between The States, that were printed in Charleston back during the Centennial observations of that invasion. These historically correct articles were written back before the veil of the passing years obscured the true history of the South.

It is wise to remember that friends are good to have on the day of battle and with this in mind the Division has created a whole new class of recognition that will be know as the Palmetto Guard. This was the name of a prominent Militia prior to the War Between The States and when they mustered into Confederate service they did so as entire units proudly displaying on their Confederate uniforms the distinctive Palmetto Tree patches which were sewn by hand using threads of gold. For many years the Palmetto Tree in one form or another had served as the insignia for South Carolina Militia Companies.

To be inducted into the Palmetto Guard you must recruit two new Compatriots who join the Division in 2008 and you will be given an historically accurate hand sewn reproduction of the original Gold Palmetto Tree insignia. This will make you a member of the Palmetto Guard which will be a worthy objective for all of us and it would also put you in a position to be awarded a second even larger Gold Palmetto Tree patch when you recruit just two more Compatriots for a total of four who join the Division during 2008. The larger Gold Palmetto Tree patch was worn by a different South Carolina Militia unit.

In my short time as your 1st Lt. Commander I have been amazed at the large number of good quality men who are going to our websites (scv.org or scscv.com) and asking for information on how to join our ranks. As we improve our response time and extended follow up this can lead to new Regiments taking the field.

The strength of the S.C.V. is in the Camps and the individual Compatriots living their lives in simple obedience to duty as they know it is the strength of the Camps.

As South Carolina goes so goes the South. As the South goes so goes our Nation and as our Nation goes so goes the world. In South Carolina we are going to win because the S.C.V. is going to grow and everything will work out fine for future generations all because of you.

Semper Southern
Don Gordon



Palmetto Guard Recruiting Award patches

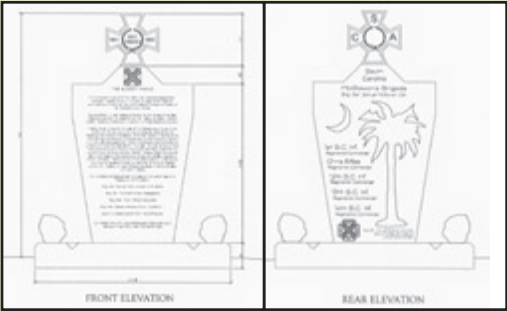
A native of Anderson County, he studied community and rural development at Clemson University, earning his bachelor's degree in 1984. Representative Dan Cooper is chairman of the Ways & Means Committee in the South Carolina House of Representatives, and he has served continuously since 1990, where he has been a member of the Medical, Military, and Municipal Affairs Committee; the Education and Public Works Committee; and the Ways and Means Committee, which he has chaired since 2005. He also serves on the Joint Bond Review Committee



and is the only Upstate member of the Budget and Control Board. Rep. Dan represents District No. 10 of Anderson Co., and he is a V.P. with Capstone Insurance Services, LLC. Both he and his family reside in Piedmont, S.C. He is married to the former Melissa Shellenbarger, and they have two children, Leanne Alexandra and Daniel T. Jr. He is the past Commander 1996-97 of the Jefferson Davis Camp #7 Easley, S.C. and currently serves as Lt. Cmdr. for the Manse Jolly Camp #6 Piedmont, S.C. since it's chartering in 2007. He has been an active member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1992. Compatriot Cooper is currently a member of the Hunley Commission; Southern Small Business Association; Served on the Board of Directors for Anderson's Freedom Weekend Aloft; Cub Scout Den Leader Pack 13, Blue Ridge Council BSA; Advisor to the Board, First Citizens Bank, Easley; Joint

Bond Review Committee; Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, 2005-; Mt. Airy Baptist Church; and previously served in House from 1991-2007. On May 9, 2008 Clemson University presented him with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. In recognizing Dan Clemson University President James F. Barker said, "His support has enabled the state's research universities to increase their research capability and advance South Carolina's knowledge-based economy." Compatriot Cooper's public service contributions have been recognized with numerous awards, including being named Legislator of the Year by four separate state associations and councils. The Medical University of South Carolina and Coastal Carolina University have presented Rep. Cooper with honorary degrees, and the Anderson County Council recently named the newly opened Powdersville Library and Government Center after him.

On May 12, 1864, in the early morning rain, General Robert E. Lee's army was suddenly faced with near disaster. During the previous night, Union General Ulysses Grant had massed his troops for an assault on the portion of the Confederate line of defense known as the Muleshoe, with the focus of the attack being the apex, or angle, at the outermost point of the Muleshoe. Grant's plan was to breach and divide the Confederate line at this point, and ultimately send his army in, brigade by brigade, to destroy General Lee's army. The initial Union attack was successful, and with reinforcements streaming in, the Yankees quickly occupied the angle and the western side of the Muleshoe. In characteristic form, General Lee reacted quickly. First to be sent in to reclaim the lost ground was Brig. General Ramseur and his North Carolinians, followed by Brig. General Perrin and his Alabamians. Then, Brig. General Harris and his Mississippi brigade entered the battle. While taking back most of the western leg of the Muleshoe, the angle was still over-run with Yankees. Enter Brig. General Sam McGowan and his South Carolinians. Charged with taking and holding the angle, they entered the "indescribable pandemonium" and fought their way to the angle, driving the Yankees back over the breastworks. For 18 hours, against a steady brigade-by-brigade assault of thousands of Union troops, our South Carolina boys of McGowan's Brigade simply refused to lose. They deserve to be remembered. If you have never been to the Spotsylvania Battlefield, you may be surprised to know that there are only 4 monuments on the field. Only one, to Ramseur's Brigade, is there to honor our Confederate heroes. In the years following the war, the old Confederate veterans didn't go back to visit this battlefield. They wanted to forget the horrific, bloody hours of this battle at the Bloody Angle.



The McGowan Camp #40 has undertaken the task of placing a memorial monument at the Bloody Angle. This project is well underway, and the McGowan Camp hopes to have the monument completed for a dedication on May 9, 2009. The completed cost of this monument will be approximately \$25,000. Architects drawings of the monument are shown above. The McGowan Camp needs your help in making this monument a reality. Let's tell folks who visit Spotsylvania, both now and for years to come, the

If there had been no 2nd Amendment in 1861, the South could not have raised an army to defend itself against the invading Northern forces. JOIN THE NRA

Spotsylvania Battlefield Monument



truth about what happened at the Bloody Angle. Our South Carolina men refused to lose—will you refuse to forget them? Contact us at spotsylvania.monument@gmail.com, or call Camp Commander Gary Davis at 864-876-2995. Please send donations to: Brig. General Samuel McGowan Camp # 40 Monument Fund P.O. Box 453 Laurens, SC 29360

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ELLISON CAPERS SCRAPBOOK AWARD		
1st Place Sandlapper Level		Palmetto #22
1st Place Palmetto Level		Litchfield #132
1st Place Dixie Level		Rivers Bridge #842
2nd Place Sandlapper Level		Prospect Camp #1749
2nd Place Palmetto Level		Battery White #1568
2nd Place Dixie Level		H. L. Hunley #143
Honorable Mentions		
Sandlapper Level		(No Submission)
Palmetto Level		Ellison Capers #1212
Dixie Level		Barnard E. Bee #1575
STEPHEN D. LEE HISTORICAL PROJECT AWARD		
There were only two submissions . . . Both in Palmetto Level		
1st Place Palmetto Level		15th Regiment, S. C. Volunteers, #51
2nd Place Palmetto Level		Ellison Capers #1212
ROBERT E. LEE OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD		
1st Place Sandlapper Level		Palmetto #22
1st Place Palmetto Level		Ellison Capers #22
1st Place Dixie Award		H. L. Hunley #143
2nd Place Sandlapper Level		Joseph B. Kershaw #82
2nd Place Palmetto Level		Henry Lauren Benbow #859
2nd Place Dixie Level		Secession #4
Honorable Mentions		
Sandlapper Level		(No Submission)
Palmetto Level		Caldwell Camp #31
Dixie Level		Barnard E. Bee #1575
JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMANDERS AWARD, 2008		
1st Place "South Carolina Division"		Moultrie Camp #27
CONVENTION ATTENDANCE AWARD		
Sandlapper Level		Palmetto #22
Palmetto Level		Ellison Capers #1212
Dixie Level		H. L. Hunley #143
2008 SC DIVISION INDIVIDUAL AWARDS		
John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award		Stonewall Jackson Individual Contribution Award
E. M. Clark, Jr.		Jeffrey A. O'Cain
Marion F. Hutson		Joseph M. Willis
Hugh Albert Jackson		Thomas C. Elmore
Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award		Outstanding Southern Citizen Award
1.) David E. Rentz		1.) John R. Spear
2.) Michael W. Kirby		2.) H.K. Edgerton

Planning Under Way for Sesquicentennial Celebration

The SCV Sesquicentennial Commission of *The Cause for Southern Independence* was formed by Commander-in-Chief Sullivan to begin planning the SCV’s involvement in the 150th anniversary of *The Cause for Southern Independence*. The primary goals of the commission are fourfold:

- To promote the observance of the activities leading up to, during, and following *The Cause for Southern Independence*;
- To cooperate with and assist national, state, and local organizations with programs and activities suitable for the commemoration;
- To ensure that any observance of the sesquicentennial of *The Cause for Southern Independence* appropriately recognizes the experiences and points of view of the citizens and soldiers of the Confederate States of America; and
- To develop and provide assistance for the development of programs, projects, and activities commemorating the 150th anniversary of *The Cause for Southern Independence* that have lasting educational value.

Currently, thirteen men have been actively involved in commission meetings and activities, with five of those men hailing from the South Carolina Division. It is clear that the interest from South Carolina men, especially early in the planning stages, stems from the importance that Charleston, Abbeville, Columbia, and the rest of South Carolina played in the events leading up to the commencement of hostilities. Also evident is that all of the members are committed to the defense of

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Final Thoughts

Retiring State Senator Kay Patterson Reflects on Confederate Battle Flag Placement

Reflecting on the placement of the Confederate Battle Flag at the State House:

“...the NAACP passed a resolution saying...put it (the Confederate Flag) in a place of historic context. Now you can’t get any more damn historical context than standing behind that Confederate soldier out front, you know?”



Responding to then national NAACP head Kweisi Mfume’s displeasure with the Heritage Act of 2000 and the Black Legislative Caucus:

Mfume: Members of the SC Black Legislative Caucus were “weak-kneed, shifty-eyed, back-bending legislators who scratch when they don’t itch and bend over when they are not engaged in prayer, who were black and white...put together something called the compromise.”

Patterson: “Mr. Mfume, this is one state senator that do not expect and will not accept denigration and kicks-in-the-ass from you or no other SOB. U-ain’t no cabbage...all head and no ass! For your next attack on me...bring-it-wid-ya!

“With all the problems facing Americans...it would seem to me that you would have more to do than attack the SC General Assembly...Hell, even a poverty-pimp off the streets of Baltimore (NAACP HQ’s) ought to see that!”

We’ll bet John C. Calhoun is smiling down broadly seeing Sen. Patterson defend of our state and its sovereign right to craft a compromise for its citizens without having to check with a Yankee from Baltimore.

the Confederate soldier’s good name and the vindication of the cause for which our ancestors fought.

To date, members of the commission have participated in their states’ efforts to determine the appropriate commemoration of the War. In each of these “citizen input meetings”, as they were called in South Carolina, members have been diligent to insist that any celebration, commemoration, or other event be historically accurate, educational in value, and representative of the experiences of the citizens of their state during the War. In many states, the true Confederate perspective is likely to be swept under the rug. With the participation of the entire South Carolina Division, the points of view of our ancestors can be included.

From an SCV-wide perspective, the commission is currently working to compile a set of educational materials that can be disseminated to educators and parents who are interested in presenting the true history of the South to future generations. In addition, the commission is discussing how to publicize individual events throughout the confederation and which of those

events require a max effort from the membership. The goal of the commission to facilitate communication between the various Camps and Divisions of the SCV will require participation by all in order to be effective. The expectation is that South Carolina will lead the way once again.

The greatest risk during the sesquicentennial is that the SCV will stand idly by while those individuals and organizations unfriendly to our ideals, our symbols, and our heritage set the agenda. There is no better way to guarantee that the memories of our ancestors will be left by the roadside than to allow the discussion to be narrowed to one political issue or another. Be vigilant; the next seven years provides an opportunity to further the Charge not seen in recent memory, and the SCV must provide thoughtful leadership, reasonable arguments to support its case, and a consistent message that *The Cause for Southern Independence* is worth remembering and celebrating.

Howard Chalmers
Sesquicentennial Commission Chairman

“Brought to Light”

The discovery of the Confederate soldiers buried beneath the waters of Lake Murray and the raising of a monument to honor and memorialize them.

“The Lake Murray Monument Project”, having commenced as an idea in late 1998, and finally becoming a reality in December 2007 as envisioned by the membership of camp 51, 15th Regiment SC Volunteers. Their dedicated efforts to recognize all of the Confederate soldiers and their families buried there, which had been covered by the lakes construction in 1930.

Owing to the excellent records from the Lexington Water Power Company (SCE&G’s predecessor) dating back to 1927 – 28 the identities of those that were not part of the original 2000 graves that were reinterred were known.

Even with the wavering and vacillating policies of the Town of Lexington’s Parks Department work proceeded and was completed. Financing was achieved by



the sales of brick pavers, which had the individuals name etched on them, as well as several generous benefactors who also funded the work.

The next time you are in the Lexington area please plan on taking the time to visit Corley Road Park and see what a single Camp can achieve in bringing to light the names of Confederate soldiers who had been hidden beneath the waters of Lake Murray for over 80 years.

Bing Chambers
Wade Hampton Camp



Confederate Memorial Day



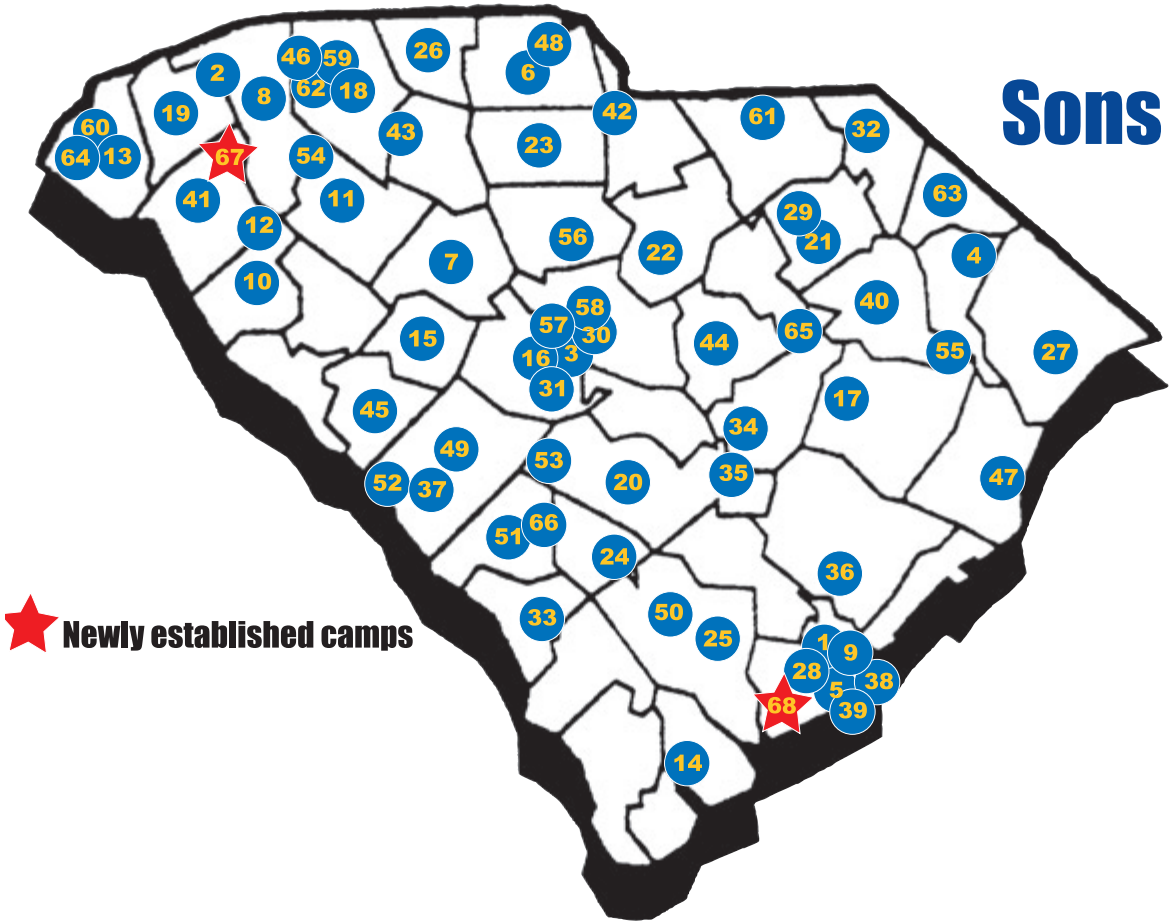
Above: Commander Burbage addressing the UDC Memorial Program attendees at Elmwood Cemetery.



Upper Right: H.K. Edgerton addressing the attendees at the S.C. State capitol CMD ceremony explaining why our Southern symbols are part of a proud heritage that should be defended not scorned as some politicians, media and special interests would have you believe.



Lower Right: Confederate Soldiers section in Elmwood Cemetery.



 **Newly established camps**

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Camps of the South Carolina Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans:

*Working to Honor Southern Heritage and
Remember those who made the
ultimate sacrifice for
“The Cause for Southern Independence”.*

1. Secession	Charleston - Camp Number 0004 (10t Brigade)	MEETING TIM E: 3rd Tuesday (eat 6:30) meet 7:30pm	MEETING PLACE: Knights of Pythias , 1820 Belgrade Ave.	COMMANDER: William Norris	H: (843) 849-9924	W: (704) 609-7578	E: elvisreddog@bellsouth.net
2. Jefferson Davis	Easley - Camp Number 0007 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: George's Creek Community Center, 2306 Saluda Dam Road - Easley, SC	COMMANDER: William Nabors	H: (864) 878-3477	W:	E: keoweel1@bellsouth.net
3. Palmetto	Columbia - Camp Number 0022 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 6:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Captain George's Seafood, 1000 Knox Abbott Dr.,Cayce, SC	COMMANDER: John McGovern	H: (803) 782-6788	W: (803) 252-5380	E: djmac39@bellsouth.net
4. Marion	Marion - Camp Number 0024 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Monthly:4th Thursday 7:00	MEETING PLACE: Garden Alley Rest. 313 S. Main-Mullins, SC Dinner 6:30, Meeting at 7:00	COMMANDER: Charles McRae	H: (843) 464-8012	W:	E: cmcrae55@aol.com
5. Moultrie Camp	Mt. Pleasant - Camp Number 0027 (10t Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday 6:45 pm	MEETING PLACE: The Point, 176 Patriot's Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant	COMMANDER: James Chalmers	H: (843) 881-2043	W: (843) 568-4973	E: hchalmers@yahoo.com
6. Private Thomas E. Caldwell	York - Camp Number 0031 (3rd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday of month, 7PM	MEETING PLACE: McCelvey Historical Center, 212 E. Jefferson St., York, SC	COMMANDER: Kirk Carter	H: (704) 739-2964	W: (704) 825-3371	E: tarus357@bellsouth.net
7. John M. Kinard	Newberry - Camp Number 0035 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Back Porch Restaurant, Prosperity, S.C.	COMMANDER: Robert Galloway	H: (803) 781-3839	W: (803) 935-5485	E:
8. 16th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers	Greenville - Camp Number 0036 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm -except Nov. and Dec.	MEETING PLACE: Sears Shelter, 100 E. Park Ave. Greenville, SC	COMMANDER: James Bouchillon	H: (864) 967-2340	W: (864) 298-2058	E: SCV16thSC@charter.net
9. Private John S. Bird, Palmetto Guard	North Charleston - Camp Number 0038 (10t Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Brecks Restaurant - Rivers Ave (Hwy 52N)	COMMANDER: James Parks	H: (843) 819-9765	W:	E: jmsplkscc@yahoo.com
10. Olde Abbeville	Abbeville - Camp Number 0039 (5th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: The Grange Hall, Grange Ave, Hwy 72 Greenwood, S.C.	COMMANDER: Frank Cook	H: (864) 543-1571	W:	E:
11. Brigadier General Samuel McGowan	Laurens - Camp Number 0040 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 4th Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Simpson-Medlock VFW Laurens, SC	COMMANDER: Gary Davis	H: (864) 876-2995	W:	E: gracing13@prtcnet.com
12. John Thomas Ashley	Honea Path - Camp Number 0043 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: The Masonic Lodge, Honea Path, SC	COMMANDER: Allen Ashley	H: (864) 296-1275	W: (864) 934-4075	E:
13. Colonel Joseph Norton	Seneca - Camp Number 0045 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Friends Cafe, 115 Oconee Square Dr, Seneca SC 29678	COMMANDER: Alfred Robinson	H: (864) 882-9437	W:	E: alrobinson@bellsouth.net
14. General Richard H. Anderson	Camp Number 0047 (9th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Monday 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Old Beaufort Arsenal	COMMANDER: Claude McElveen	H: (843) 525-9202	W: (843) 522-4603	E: claude@saltydog.com
15. Brigadier General Milledge Luke Bohnam	Saluda - Camp Number 0048 (5th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Sunday, 3:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Old Pine Grove Schoolhouse, Hwy 39, Saluda, S.C.	COMMANDER: Dwayne Black	H: (803) 445-8650	W: (803) 794-7400	E: confederatedwayne@yahoo.com
16. 15th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers	Lexington - Camp Number 0051 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Last Tuesday, 6:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Porky D's BarBQ - 931 Two Notch Road - Lexington, SC	COMMANDER: Robert Frye	H: (803) 356-5554	W: (803) 777-6057	E: Commander@15thregtscvols.org
17. Wee Nee Volunteers	Kingstree - Camp Number 0058 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	MEETING PLACE: Home of Compatriot WD Evans, 710 Woodlands Dr.(The Red Dog, Kingstree, S.C.	COMMANDER: Louis Drucker	H: (843) 382-5559	W: (803) 355-5554	E: DMDRanch@icf-i.net
18. Sergeant Adam Washington Ballenger	Spartanburg - Camp Number 0068 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Drews - Corner of Asheville Hwy and John Dodd Road	COMMANDER: William Geen	H: (864) 433-9139	W:	E: wdgeen@csaincsc.com
19. 2nd Regt., South Carolina Volunteers	Pickens - Camp Number 0071 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: American Legion, Haygood St., Pickens, S.C.	COMMANDER: Larry Oberstar	H: (864) 878-5249	W:	E:
20. Colonel Olin M. Dantzler	Orangeburg - Camp Number 0073 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: The Kuckery, 210 Cnnon Bridge Rd.Orangeburg, S.C.	COMMANDER: Brian Henson	H: (803) 534-2181	W:	E: lovdmc12@aol.com
21. W.E. James	Darlington - Camp Number 0074 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Last Monday of each Month - 6:30 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Takis Diner, 609 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 843-393-8979	COMMANDER: Donald Oliver	H: (843) 335-6584	W: (803) 206-9532	E: scvoliver@aol.com
22. Joseph B. Kershaw	Camden - Camp Number 0082 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Camden Seafood Hut, 2538 N. Broad St. Camden, S.C.	COMMANDER: Jesse Dabbs	H: (803) 432-0023	W:	E: jeydabbs@msn.com
23. Walker-Gaston	Chester - Camp Number 0086 (3rd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Summit Food & Spirits Restaurant, 134 Main Street, Chester, SC	COMMANDER: Donald Raborn	H: (803) 327-3757	W: (704) 583-5388	E: williammartinraborn@yahoo.com
24. Col. Donald R. Barton	Branchville - Camp Number 0121 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Edisto Eatery	COMMANDER: Bradon Snelgrove	H: (803) 536-0434	W: (803) 536-3333	E: bpsjks99@yahoo.com
25. Gordon-Capers	St. George - Camp Number 0123 (9th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Last Monday of the month 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Community Hall St. George, SC	COMMANDER: Daniel Rhode	H: (803) 496-3537	W:	E: scsnbird05@yahoo.com
26. Captain Moses Wood	Gaffney - Camp Number 0125 (3rd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Central Baptist Church, Gaffney, SC	COMMANDER: Donald (Mark) Sheppard	H: (864) 936-9169	W: (864) 936-9598	E: mark@thunderhaven.com
27. Litchfield	Conway - Camp Number 0132 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Bryan House, Horry County Historical Society, 606 Main St. Conway, S.C.	COMMANDER: Kenneth Thrasher	H: (843) 293-4082	W: (843) 293-4082	E: hk007@sprynet.com
28. H. L. Hunley	Summerville - Camp Number 0143 (9th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 4th Thursday @ 6:30PM	MEETING PLACE: Summerville Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Summerville next to KFC	COMMANDER: Joseph Willis	H: (803) 943-3653	W: (843) 722-5230	E: banjanam47@yahoo.com
29. Major James Lide Coker	Hartsville - Camp Number 0146 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Hartsville Public Library, N. 6th Street and W. College Ave	COMMANDER: John Davis	H: (843) 332-4350	W:	E: davisalee@roadrunner.com
30. Lt. General Wade Hampton	Columbia - Camp Number 0273 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Next to last Thursday, 6:30 pm (except Dec.)	MEETING PLACE: Seawall's Restaurant, 1128 Rosewood Dr., Columbia, S.C.	COMMANDER: Rusty Rentz	H: (803) 359-7507	W: (803) 359-2551	E: rentz@ppp.state.sc.us
31. General Paul Quattlebaum	Batesburg-Leesville - Camp Number 0412 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Last Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Shealy's BBQ, Leesville, S.C.	COMMANDER: Danny Kaminer	H: (803) 892-3491	W: (803) 359-5551	E: dankam@gbtcomm.net
32. Marlboro	Bennettsville - Camp Number 0835 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2ND Monday @ 7PM	MEETING PLACE: Marchison School Auditorium, Bennettsville, SC	COMMANDER: Jeffrey Dudley	H: (803) 528-3589	W: (803) 479-5602	E: jeffdudley@meccsc.net
33. Rivers Bridge	Fairfax - Camp Number 0842 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Barker's Mill mile south of Sycamore on Highway #321	COMMANDER: Joseph Braxton	H: (803) 534-8654	W: (803) 534-6649	E: braxcci@aol.com
34. Colonel Henry Laurens Benbow	Manning - Camp Number 0859 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday each month- 7:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Council for Aging - Manning, SC	COMMANDER: Steven Tollison	H: (803) 435-6990	W:	E: Stollison@sc.rr.com
35. Eutaw Regiment	Santee - Camp Number 1189 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Elloroe Fraternal Building #6328 Old Number 6 Highway, Elloroe, SC	COMMANDER: Andrew Burk	H: (803) 496-3618	W: (803) 496-3344	E:
36. General Ellison Capers	Moncks Corner - Camp Number 1212 (10t Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Western Sizzler on Hwy. 52, Moncks Corner, S.C.	COMMANDER: Michael Griffin	H: (843) 747-7480	W:	E: fleawilly2001@hotmail.com
37. General Joe Wheeler	Aiken - Camp Number 1245 (5th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Graniteville Leisure Club (Except October and April)	COMMANDER: Ken Temples	H: (803) 648-6289	W: (803) 278-4363	E: kentemples@gmail.com
38. Star of the West	Charleston - Camp Number 1253 (10t Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Thurs (Sept - April)	MEETING PLACE: Bond Hall, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC	COMMANDER: Benjamin Noris	H: (843) 849-9924	W:	E: norrisb1@citadl.edu
39. Ft. Sumter	Charleston - Camp Number 1269 (10t Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday (irregular)	MEETING PLACE: Charleston Club, East Bay St., Charleston, S.C.	COMMANDER: Thomas Lowndes	H: (843) 723-1688	W:	E: tlowndes@aol.com
40. Pee Dee Rifles	Florence - Camp Number 1419 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Pee Dee Shrine Club,3053 E. Crescent Cir., Florence, S.C.	COMMANDER: James York	H: (843) 661-0585	W:	E: randyork@earthlink.net
41. Palmetto Sharpshooters	Anderson - Camp Number 1428 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm (Except December)	MEETING PLACE: Fuddruckers Restaurant, Clemson blvd. & I-95 - Anderson, SC. 29621	COMMANDER: Dexter Wentzky	H: (864) 224-9710	W: (864) 224-8481	E:
42. Witherspoon/Barnes	Lancaster - Camp Number 1445 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Captain's Gallery Restaurant, 1305 Hwy 9 Bypass West, Lancaster, S.C.	COMMANDER: Roy Cloninger	H: (803) 288-5584	W: (803) 804-1787	E: SCV.Camp1445.Cmdr@gmail.com
43. General States Rights Gist	West Springs - Camp Number 1451 (3rd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Sunday, 3:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: West Springs Community Center, Hwy 215, West Springs, S.C.	COMMANDER: Henry Dobey	H: (864) 457-3246	W:	E: hdobey@attel.net
44. General P.G.T. Beauregard	Sumter - Camp Number 1458 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: The Ramada Inn, 226 N. Washington St., Sumter, SC 29150 (Buffet Meal)	COMMANDER: James Rawls	H: (803) 773-0888	W:	E: srawls@sc.rr.com
45. Brigadier General Martin W. Gary	Edgefield - Camp Number 1532 (5th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm (except Dec.)	MEETING PLACE: Oakley Park, Main St. Behind Nat'l Guard Bldg., Edgefield, S.C.	COMMANDER: Thomas Plowden	H: (803) 278-2283	W: (800) 561-1218	E: lstap@integrity.com
46. General Basil W. Duke	Greer - Camp Number 1539 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME:	MEETING PLACE:	COMMANDER: Duke Stern	H: (864) 670-9052	W:	E:
47. Battery White	Georgetown - Camp Number 1568 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday of the month 6:30 p.m	MEETING PLACE: Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov - Georgetown VFW	COMMANDER: Vernon Parker	H: (843) 546-3059	W:	E: lkparker@sccost.net
48. Brigadier General Micah Jenkins	Rock Hill - Camp Number 1569 (3rd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Lakehouse Family Seafood Restaurant 3921 Mt. Gallant Rd - Dinner at 6 pm	COMMANDER: Davis Timmerman	H: (803) 547-5797	W: (704) 587-0777	E: timmerman@comporium.net
49. Brigadier General Barnard E. Bee	Aiken - Camp Number 1575 (5th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Bobby's BBQ, 1897 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Warrentville, S.C.	COMMANDER: James Walling	H: (803) 275-5673	W: (803) 270-4907	E: jthree@bellsouth
50. Colleton Rangers	Walterboro - Camp Number 1643 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm (except Dec.)	MEETING PLACE: Masonic Lodge, Washington St. (known locally as Main St.), Walterboro, S.C.	COMMANDER: William Herndon	H: (843) 538-4498	W:	E:
51. William H. Duncan/Hagoods Brigade	Barnwell - Camp Number 1650 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Museum behind Library, Hagood & Marlboro Aves. Barnwell, S.C.	COMMANDER: H. Morris	H: (803) 541-7504	W:	E: yenome@hughes.net
52. Sergeant Berry Benson	North Augusta - Camp Number 1672 (5th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Acacia Lodge AFM, Brookside Ave.,North Augusta, SC	COMMANDER: Larry Hammett	H: (803) 279-9075	W: (803) 270-9560	E: larryhammett@yahoo.com
53. Major Morgan/Hart's Battery	Springfield - Camp Number 1674 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: Springfield Museum, Railroad Ave., Springfield, S.C.	COMMANDER: Tracy Sanders	H: (803) 258-9206	W:	E: carl.sanders@uap.com
54. Captain Moses T. Fowler	Fountain Inn - Camp Number 1721 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Monday, 6:00 pm (2nd Monday in Dec)	MEETING PLACE: Fairview Presbyterian Church Social Hall between Fountain Inn & Hickory Tav	COMMANDER: Bobby Skipper	H: (864) 243-2891	W:	E: Skip7068@bellsouth.net
55. 10th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers	Prospect - Camp Number 1749 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: The "Store" 831 Owens Swamp Road, Johnsonville	COMMANDER: Christopher Herron	H: (843) 386-9266	W:	E:
56. General John Bratton	Winnsboro - Camp Number 1816 (3rd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: Red Hand Farm, WET Site, Jackson Creek Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180	COMMANDER: John Fogle	H: (803) 754-4817	W: (803) 776-1627	E: John_Fogle@bellsouth.net
57. Hampton Redshirt Rider	Columbia - Camp Number 1876 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Monday each month, Jul, Aug, Sept	MEETING PLACE: Maurice's BarBQue, 2515 Sunset Blvd, W. Columbia	COMMANDER: Robert Davis	H: (803) 799-8695	W:	E: bobdavis@sc.rr.com
58. Hampton's Iron Scouts	Dentsville - Camp Number 1945 (6th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Last Monday, 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Call the Camp Commander or Camp Adjutant for details	COMMANDER: Stephen Jones	H: (803) 791-7492	W: (803) 957-9034	E:
59. General David F. Jamison	Spartanburg - Camp Number 1954 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Poplar Springs Fire Dept, Hwy 290 E., Moore, SC	COMMANDER: Charles Dixon	H: (864) 430-4769	W:	E: mydakota93@yahoo.com
60. 1st South Carolina Regiment Orr's Rifles	Walhalla - Camp Number 1959 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: Walhalla Volunteer Fireman Hut #2 (Behind Fire Dept.) 207 E. North Broad St	COMMANDER: Henry Hopkins	H: (864) 944-1895	W: (864) 944-1895	E: hopkins58@charter.net
61. First in Secession	Chesterfield - Camp Number 1963 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 6:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: The Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 309 Chesterfield Hwy, Cheraw, S.C.	COMMANDER: Marcus Canipe	H: (843) 623-3327	W:	E: firstinsecession@hotmail.com
62. Captain P.D. Gilreath	Greer - Camp Number 1987 (2nd Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Mutt's BarBQ 101 West Road - Greer, SC 29651 phone : (864)848.3999	COMMANDER: John Lynn	H: (864) 848-1448	W: (864) 879-2758	E: jphnreeb@bellsouth.net
63. Capt. A.T. Harlee	Dillon - Camp Number 2010 (7th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00pm	MEETING PLACE: American Legion - HWY 9 East, Dillon, SC	COMMANDER: Arthur Quick	H: (843) 774-6821	W:	E: peedeemillery@bellsouth.net
64. Rebels In Grey	Westminster - Camp Number 2027 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Toxaway Baptist Church - Westminster, SC	COMMANDER: William Smith	H: (864) 647-5453	W: (864) 973-5404	E: cplleimoores@nuvox.net
65. Lynches Creek Guards	Lynchburg - Camp Number 2045 (4th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Eddie's Bar-B-Q Turbeville, SC	COMMANDER: James Lane	H: (843) 346-2168	W:	E:
66. South Carolina 17th Regiment	Hilda - Camp Number 2069 (8th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: Regimental Hall - Hwy 70- Hilda, SC	COMMANDER: Jerry Creech	H: (803) 259-1455	W: (803) 943-5757	E: jrcreech123@bellsouth.net
67. Manse Jolly	Piedmont - Camp Number 0006 (1st Brigade)	MEETING TIME: Saturday TBA	MEETING PLACE: TBA Call Lt. Commander Cooper for Details	COMMANDER: Ron Wilson	H: (864) 605-1000	W: (800) 327-8606	E:
68. 3rd SC Cavalry Co I of Edisto	Edisto Island - Camp Number 0131 (9th Brigade)	MEETING TIME: 2nd Saturday 9:00 a.m.	MEETING PLACE: Edisto Island Community Church	COMMANDER: Clifford Songer	H: (843) 869-9231	W:	E: CDSong4@bellsouth.net

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The continuing battle to remove or discredit all vestiges from the past history of our great state and region has recently taken a new direction. There are those who will not honor the compromise of the 2000 Bipartians General Assembly, the law that removed the flag of the Army of Northern Virginia from the dome of the Statehouse and placed it at the soldiers monument. Step one was enforced.

Now, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford in his January 2008, State of State address condemned Governor Ben Tillman’s revision of the state constitution in 1895. He stated it was racist in nature. Sanford as stated that Tillman’s intention was to exclude the black citizens from ever being Governor of our state.



1895 until his death in 1918. Why do we need to shield our school children from a man who served our state with such loyalty and so long?

On the East side: Erected by the Legislature, the Democratic Party, and private citizens of South Carolina, dedicated May 1, 1940.

On the North side: Benjamin Ryan Tillman, Born August 11, 1847, Died July 3, 1918, Married Sallie Stark, January 8, 1868, Patriot, Statesman, Governor of South Carolina, 1890-1894, Senator, 1895-1918, In the World War, Chairman Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, A life of service and achievement.

On the West side: In the home, loving, loyal. To the State, Steadfast, true. For the Nation, The country belongs to us all and we all belong to it. The men of the North, South, East and West carved it out of the wilderness and made it great. Let us share it with each other then, and conserve it, giving it the best that is in us of brain and brawn and heart.

On the South side: Loving them, he was the friend and leader of the common people. He taught them their political power and made possible for the education of their sons and daughters Clemson Agricultural...Winthrop Normal and Industrial College.

In a 1 April 2008 article, “A Reconstruction: Another Revolution (And the Beat Goes On)” By Al Benson, Jr., he states. It is, or at least ought to be, a well-known fact that the religious and political Left in this country looks upon the “reconstruction” era, after the shooting phase of the War of Northern Aggression was over, as a truly golden time in our history. They see no problems whatever with it, except they feel it didn’t go quite far enough in changing and remodeling the culture of the Christian South.

James S. Allen, (an alias) wrote a book called Reconstruction—The Battle for Democracy back in 1937. International Publishers published his screed, a Communist publishing house in New York. Mr. Allen made it quite clear he felt the War of Northern Aggression was indeed a revolution. He wrote: With the defeat of the South on the battlefield and the emancipation of the slaves, the revolution had completed only its first cycle. The slaveowners had been conquered and the institution of chattel slavery had been abolished. A new phase, involving the complete transformation of southern society, now opened. In this last sentence Allen has told you what the war was really all about, which explains why so many Marxists supported the North. The war was a revolution and its real purpose was to transform the mostly Christian culture of the old South into something totally different. That effort has continued apace until this very day, and continues as this article is being written. Only now it has been expanded to include the entire country. “Reconstruction” is still alive and well in America. It has many facets that most government school-educated Americans are totally unaware of political support for illegal, culture-changing immigrants being one of the main ones in our day. Marxist historian Eric Foner quoted a publication called The Nation in his book Reconstruction: America’s Unfinished Revolution. The Nation article stated: “The issue of the war marks an epoch by the consolidation of nationality under democratic forms...the prime issue of the war was between nationality one and indivisible, and the loose and changeable federation of independent states.”

It is certainly eye opening when you get to read their own material. The leftists tell you what the war was about. They don’t use “freeing the slaves” excuse. It is a shame the history books don’t do the same. Foner called “reconstruction” our “unfinished revolution.” He certainly told the truth. The time was horrendous.

Frank Conner, in his excellent book The South Under Siege 1830-2000, also noted of “reconstruction” that: ...the military authorities staffed many of the state militias with ex-slaves. The primary duties of those ex-slaves were to make sure their fellow blacks voted Republican in the elections and to enforce martial law. But with power went arrogance.

Conner said that while some black militiamen did maintain discipline, many others did not, and these “...would harass and bully and intimidate white men and women on the street with exquisite impartiality; and sometimes they carried out their threats. The Southern whites had absolutely no recourse. At all times they lived with the real danger that the entire Southern society might disintegrate at any moment into total anarchy—which seemed to be the real desire of the Radical Republican Congress.” But, then, those radicals in Washington were truly revolutionaries, as they sought in their own way to destroy the Christian culture of the South and to replace it with what has been described in this article. That’s revolution!

Another aspect of real revolution is the attempt to destroy the culture of the people you have defeated by denying them the use of the symbols of their culture. The English did this to both the Scots and the Irish. Conner has told us of ex-Confederate soldiers in the South that: They had to cut off all the buttons stamped CSA (from their clothes) and fasten their clothes as best they could with pieces of string. Ex-Confederate parolees had to carry their paroles on their persons at all times and display them to any U. S. soldier upon demand. Woe unto any Southerner who displayed—under any circumstances at



all—a Confederate flag or any other symbol of the Confederacy; he would be arrested immediately. U.S. soldiers were often quartered arbitrarily in the homes of Southern civilians.

Does any of this sound familiar? With all the fuss so many today are making over Confederate symbols, are you tempted to think that “reconstruction” is still alive and well? In fact, if the fuss continues, more people may begin to wake up and realize what’s going on. Also, if most folks hadn’t been brainwashed—er, pardon me, I meant “educated”—in our government brain laundries, some might by now have concluded that the War of Northern Aggression and the ensuing “reconstruction” were nothing but examples of Marxist revolution and class struggle.

So, as for the revolution of “reconstruction,” it still continues to this very day—not only in the South, but now across the entire country. The revolution goes on and we are all supposed to be in the ongoing process of being “reconstructed,” only now they don’t call it “reconstruction” anymore. They have changed its official title to “political correctness.”

John H. Harris
Heritage Officer
Sgt. Berry G. Benson 1672
North Augusta, SC

SC Division History Book Update

Dear Compatriots,

SC Division Commander Burbage has asked me to do a revised edition of the SC Division history book. We will be following the same format as the previous printing. I did not write the book, I compiled it. I feel the best person to write about a subject is the person who knows the most about the subject. Therefore, we are asking each camp membership to write a short (two or three pages) history of its camp. You know more about your camp than I. I am not putting a limit on length because some camps are new and a few have been around for a while, but please keep it reasonable. Remember, we now have approximately seventy camps. I may edit the write-ups, but only if needed. Credit will be given to the person who wrote it at the end of the camp’s history. Some items you may want to include would be (but not limited to): full camp name and number; when and where it was chartered; a list, with years, of camp commanders; special projects such as work in cemeteries, schools or public awareness, Confederate Memorial Day, ladies who have also helped.

On a separate list, if possible, please give me a list of all awards presented to your camp. Include name of award, year received and who gave it (camp, state or national). Also a list of your camp members and their awards received (same information as camp awards). Compatriots please do not forget the ladies in the histories and in the list of awards.

The last time we did this all camps were

asked for a written history. There were a few camps who did not respond. Those camps were not represented in the history section. *Please do not let your camp be left out.*

If possible, please do the reports in Microsoft Word and email them to me at ucv1860@aol.com along with mailing me a hard copy to 1113 Pine Street, Cayce, SC 29033. I will need to have the information no later than September 15, 2008. Please get it to me earlier if possible. I will have a lot of work to do to compile them in book format.

I will also be asking others for information such as: Division Commanders for a summary of their time in office; National Commanders-in-Chief Wilson and Sullivan for a summary of the SCV during their time in office since they are from South Carolina; and some of the committee chairmen.

I will do the overall history of the division in the early days, or what I know of it, listing known past SC Division Commanders; SC camps – past and present; Army of Northern Virginia Commanders from SC and other items of interest to SC. The book will be for sale to the camps and members.

Compatriots, please help me ensure that the South Carolina Division history is not forgotten.

I am,
Yours in keeping their memory alive,

Dennis E. Todd
Historian, SC Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Policy on Hate Groups

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is not a hate group. The South Carolina Division SCV does not knowingly allow anyone with ties to hate groups join and has removed, and will remove, anyone from its ranks who expresses racist sentiments. Specifically, the following is not allowed and will be grounds for immediate dismissal:

Attempting to recruit fellow SCV members for racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance.

Membership in any racist organization such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance.

Disseminating racist literature to fellow SCV members by mail or in person.

Membership in any organization promoting a violent overthrow of the United States government.

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE AWARE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, AS THEY WILL BE RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED.

Loving the South and defending its culture, symbols and heritage DOES NOT MEAN HATE. In fact, many SCV members are descendants of African-American, Catholic, Jewish, Native American and Asian Confederates. These groups’ contributions to Southern culture have made the South a beautiful and unique region. To deny their descendants membership in our organization would betray our principles and the very ancestors we honor. We welcome all descendants of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines or those who materially aided the South in its struggle for independence.



Pope Blesses Dixie at White House!?



“In the true spirit of his distant predecessor, Pope Pius IX (see PPJ, June 2007), Pope Benedict appears to relish at the sight of the Confederate Battle Flag. Wasn’t that nice of President Bush to welcome the Pope in such a fine Confederate manner?!!!!”

Actually, when the Pope recently visited the White House on April 16, the lawn was decorated with all 50 state flags. The proud flag of Mississippi was directly behind the Pope and Pres. Bush. The SCV couldn’t have arranged it better.



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Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Awards and the Jefferson Davis Commander’s Award went to seven outstanding camps in the Division:

	Jefferson Davis Commander's Award Moultrie Camp #27, Mt. Pleasant
	Robert E. Lee Outsanding Camp Award
Dixie Level	1st Place: H.L. Hunley Camp #143, Summerville 2nd Place: Secession Camp #4, Charleston
Palmetto Level	1st Place: Ellison Capers Camp #22, Moncks Corner 2nd Place: Henry Laurens Benbow Camp #859
Sandlapper Level	1st Place: Palmetto Camp #22 2nd Place: Joseph B. Kershaw Camp #82

The second business session began with the election of Division Commander Randy Burbage to serve a second term. Three well-qualified men vied for the position of Lt. Commander, and after a lively discussion, the main vote, and a run-off, Don Gordon was elected to serve. A new brigade alignment was introduced at this convention, and the camps of the 10 new brigades met to elect new brigade officers for this term. We also heard from a number of candidates for national office, either in person or represented by a member of the SC Division.

The weekend proved to be a successful convention for the South Carolina Division. Those members who attended should encourage all of their compatriots to begin planning now for the 2009 convention, to be held in Anderson. It would not be a stretch to have 100% participation from the Camps in the Division, showing once again why South Carolina leads the SCV.

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discusses his grandfather’s Confederate military service and qualifications for a Confederate pension after the war.

He believes that the South seceded from the Union because the Federal government taxed it disproportionately, and that it was a matter of states’ rights, not slavery. He denies that President Lincoln freed the slaves, explaining the Emancipation Proclamation affected only the Confederate states, which were no longer under his authority.

“I have difficulty in trying to apply today’s standards with what happened 150 years ago and that’s what a lot of people are attempting to do. I’m just presenting facts, not as I read from some book where somebody thought that they understood. This came straight from the horse’s mouth, and I refute anybody to deny that.”

“Those of us who are serious about our Confederate heritage are very unhappy with the trivialization of Confederate symbols and their misuse,” he said. “Part of what we are trying to do is correct this misunderstanding.”

Compatriot Winbush was the recipient of the R. E. Lee Award in 2003, which is the Sons of Confederate Veteran’s second highest award that can be presented to a member and is only awarded once. It was done in recognition of his numerous contributions in portraying the true his-



Soldier, cont. from page 1

Sr. NEVER missed a Camp meeting driving from Greenwood to Columbia every month.

Col. Hollingsworth’s great grandfather, Pvt. Robert Thomas Hollingsworth, along with his great-great uncles Pvt. Abraham Hollingsworth and Pvt. John Hollingsworth, served the entire War in the 3rd South Carolina Infantry Battalion

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
Commander in Chief, Chris Sullivan
will be the special guest speaker.

For information please contact
Claire or Irvin Shuler at 803-496-7037
or Dixieforrest@aol.com.

tory of the Southern Cause.

“I feel that Nelson Winbush has been an asset to our organization since appearing on the scene in 1995. I first met Nelson at the Chattanooga Reunion in 1995 at the same time my first book about Black Confederates was published.

I did not know it at the time, but I had a number of items in my book about Nelson’s ancestor.

Nelson has used his abilities as an educator to inform members and non-members alike not only of the service of his ancestor, but to bring about awareness of these ‘Forgotten Confederates’.

Nelson has appeared on TV and educational videos, interviewed by reporters, and been the speaker of many countless events.

Nelson does this not for glory for himself, but in keeping with The Charge of General Stephen D. Lee.

I am proud of the stands that Nelson has made over the years and in many cases it wasn’t being easy, but being and doing right never is.

I am grateful to call him friend, compatriot, and brother in the Cause.”

Deo Vindice,
Charles Kelly Barrow
Commander, Army of Tennessee



of Kershaw’s Brigade. They saw action at nearly every major battle of the ANV during the War: 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg and so many more until surrendering at Appomattox.

Bill and wife Denise have four children, Aaron, Chris, Victoria and Bethany ages 19 to 26, live in Columbia. When not called to duty, Bill works in public education as a teacher and assistant principal in Columbia and Orangeburg.

Like his father, Bill Sr., an infantryman in the Pacific Theater during WWII, and his Confederate soldier great grandfather, Col. Bill Hollingsworth is, in the truest sense, a real *Citizen Soldier*: “I feel great pride in carrying forth the military traditions of my family and frequently draw upon my Confederate Ancestor’s service for personal strength, resolve and purpose. God Bless the South!”

Your SCV brothers beam with pride in your service to America. God’s speed and a safe return, Bill!

Confederate Memorial Day Celebrated at Clemson University

On Saturday, April 19, 2008 Students with a Southern Heritage (SWASH) held its’ second annual Confederate Memorial Day service at Clemson University. Due to inclement weather, the service was moved from the Military Heritage Plaza to Tillman Hall. In attendance were more than fifty guests from area SCV and UDC groups, which included past South Carolina Division SCV Commander, Senator Danny Verdin and Adjutant-In-Chief Mark Simpson.

Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp #1428 supplied the color guard for the service. SWASH member, David Williams gave the invocation, while club president Hannah Burbage led the assembled group in the pledges to the flags. Club vice president Annemarie Verdin gave a presentation on Clemson University founder Thomas Greene Clemson, who was a Confederate veteran. Mrs. Eloise Verdin, 3rd Vice President of the SC Division, UDC brought greetings from the Daughters of the Confederacy on behalf of President Theresa Pittman who was unable to attend.

South Carolina Division Commander Randy Burbage brought greetings from the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Commander-In-Chief Chris Sullivan gave an inspiring speech on our Confederate heritage. David Williams gave the benediction which was followed by a rousing rendition of Dixie led by Senator Verdin. The service concluded with the laying of a wreath at Thomas Greene Clemson’s statue.

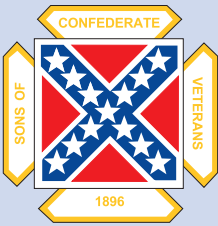
We would like to issue a special thank you to our advisors Mike Marshall, for printing the programs, and Ms. Barbara Hamberg, for advertising this event in local newspapers. Special thanks go out to both of them for donating so much time to SWASH and supporting us through our endeavors. We really appreciate your help!

**Hannah Lee Burbage,
SWASH President**



Above (l to r): Hannah Lee Burbage, SWASH President; Randall B. Burbage, SC Division Commander; Christopher Sullivan, Commander in Chief and Annemarie Verdin SWASH Vice President.

Right (l to r): Hannah Lee Burbage, SWASH President and Annemarie Verdin SWASH Vice President at the statue of Thomas Greene Clemson founder of Clemson University.



The Charge

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”

The Charge is the official “Mission Statement of the Sons of Confederate Veterans”

Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee
Commander General, United Confederate Veterans Reunion at New Orleans, 1906



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